(b) and (c) The Central Employment Guarantee Council shall be constituted with effect from such date as the Central Government may, by notification, specify. The notification under Section 10(1) of the Act has so far not been issued. The State Employment Guarantee Council shall be constituted by the State Government under provisions of Section 12 of the Act. The District Programme Coordinator will be appointed by the State Government under Section 14(1) of the Act.

(d) The NREG Act, 2005 has so far not been launched in any of the districts and hence no funds have been provided so far for the implementation of the programme. The funds proposed to be made available in the first phase of implementation of the Act are estimated to be of the order of Rs.17, 103 crore.

Implementation of NREGS in Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri of Tamil Nadu

866. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to notify the districts for implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri districts of Tamil Nadu have been included; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL) : (a) to (d) The National Rural Employement Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005 has been notified in the Gazette of India on 7th September, 2005. The notification for applicability of the Act is yet to be issued under Section 1(3) of The Act. The 200 districts where the Act is likely to be implemented in the first phase have not yet been identified.

Implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Karnataka

867. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has been implemented in Karnataka;